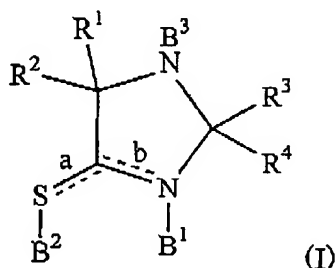
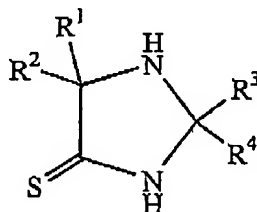


Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following:

A method for making a compound of formula (I)



wherein bonds a and b are single or double bonds, provided that one of a and b is a single bond and the other is a double bond; one of B¹ and B² is ~~CHR⁵-CHR⁶-C(Y)ZR⁷, CR¹⁰R¹¹-NHR¹² or hydrogen~~ and the other is absent; B³ is ~~C(W)NHR⁸ or hydrogen; provided that one of B¹, B² and B³ is not hydrogen; Y and W are~~ is O or S; Z is O, S or NR⁹; R⁵ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl; R⁶ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl; R⁷, R⁹, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl or aralkyl. The method comprises steps of: (a) preparing an imidazolidinethione having formula



by combining a cyanide source, a sulfide salt, and at least one ketone or aldehyde;
and (b) adding to the imidazolidinethione, without isolation of the
imidazolidinethione, ~~one of (i) CHR⁵-CHR⁶-C(O)OR⁷; (ii) R¹⁰R¹¹C=O and R¹²NH₂;~~
~~(iii) R¹⁰R¹¹C=NR¹²; and (iv) R⁸N-C-W~~ CHR⁵=CR⁶-C(O)OR⁷.